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AGRICULTURAL COST AND PRICES COMMISSION
KANTILAL BHURIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Cost and Prices Commission (ACPC) has taken intœaccount the minimum support price of Soyabean as proposed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to declare the support price of Soyabean on the basis of the proposal sent by the State Government during 2001-2002 and onwards; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): While recommending the minimum support prices (uniform throughout the country) for various agricultural commodities including soyabean (black & yellow), the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) takes into account a number of factors like cost of cultivation, demand and supply, input and output prices, the terms of trade for agriculture, inter-crop parity in prices, international prices, etc., and the information elicited through additional Questionnaires from the state Governments and other interest groups on various issues related to the above aspects. The views of the Government of Madhya Pradesh have also been taken into consideration.

(b)&(c): The Government has already announced the MSPs of Kharif cropsincluding soyabean for the 2001-02 season. The MSP fixed for soyabean (black) is Rs.795 per quintal and for soyabean (yellow) is Rs.885 per quintal. The MSPs havebeen fixed after taking into account the recommendations of the CACP, views of StateGovernments including those of Madhya Pradesh and concerned central ministries as well as such other relevant factors, which are considered important for fixation of support prices.